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April 10, 2000

RECORDATION NO. 18471-B FILED

Mr. Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

RE: Termination of the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of April 10, 2000
by Helm Financial Corporation ("**Termination**").

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Helm Financial Corporation, I submit for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder the following document:

Two (2) fully-executed originals of the above-referenced Lease Termination.

In connection with the recording of the Lease Termination, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor: Helm Financial Corporation
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700
San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee: Southern Illinois Railcar Company
One Mark Twain Plaza, Suite 225
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Equipment: Fifty-five (55) railcars as more fully described
in Schedule A attached hereto.

Previous STB Filing: Memorandum of Lease of Railroad Equipment filed
on November 15, 1993 at 3:10 p.m. under
Recordation No. 18471.

Please file this Termination as a supplementary document and return one (1) stamped original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) is enclosed.

Yours truly,



Alison Drain
Document Administrator

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Enclosures (2)

TERMINATION OF LEASE

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is dated as of April 10, 2000 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

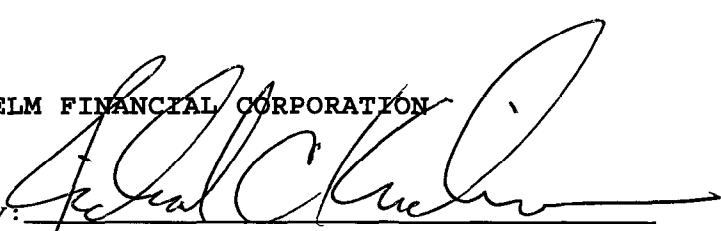
1. **Recitals.** Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of October 11, 1993 ("Lease") with SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RAILCAR COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with respect to the fifty-five (55) railcars more fully described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation (f.k.a. the Interstate Commerce Commission) ("STB") under STB Recordation No. 18471 filed on November 15, 1993 at 3:10 p.m.

The Lease was terminated on June 29, 1999. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. **Termination.** The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination to be signed in its corporate name as of the date first above written.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: 

Print Name: Richard C. Kirchner

Title: President

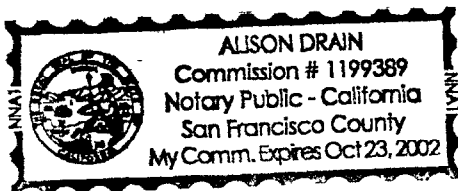
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

On April 10, 2000, before me, Alison Drain, personally appeared Richard C. Kirchner, President of **HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION**,

 X personally known to me -OR-

 proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



[Notarial Seal]

Witness my hand and official seal.

Alison Drain
SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

SCHEDULE A

To the Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of April 10, 2000 between Helm Financial Corporation and Southern Illinois Railcar Company.

Equipment Description:

Fifty-five (55), 100-ton, roller bearing, 4,740 cubic foot, three pocket covered hopper railcars equipped with twelve (12) 36" round hatches and gravity pneumatic gates suitable for the transport of grain products; built by Pullman Standard in 1966.

Reporting Mark and Numbers:

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